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MAYOR O'CONNELL ISSUES REMINDERS ON SAFETY AND RESOURCES

Taunton, MA...Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell reminded residents to exercise caution over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"Taunton is open for business, our kids are in school, and we do not want to see more restrictions imposed on us. Over the last eight months, we have navigated the COVID-19 public health crisis together. Now is the time to remain vigilant in stopping the spread," said O'Connell.

As cases of COVID-19 increase across the state, Taunton has seen an increase in positive cases over the past six weeks from 29 cases on October 15 to 239 cases on November 23.

O'Connell is issuing important reminders to the public:

- Wear masks, wash hands frequently, and social distance
- If you feel sick, stay home and call your doctor
- Limit trips to City Hall by paying bills online or using the drop-off box located at the rear entrance of the building
- Visit the City of Taunton website and Facebook page frequently for updated information
- Sign up for E-Alerts on the City of Taunton website homepage
- Call the City of Taunton COVID-19 Hotline at 774.406.5898 for information

In addition, there are a number of resources available to Taunton residents:

- Business owners facing challenges are encouraged to contact the Office of Economic and Community Development at 508.821.1030.
- Families and individuals experiencing financial challenges due to COVID-19 can reach out to Ann Harris at 774.409.0082 or email aharris@tauntonhousing.com for assistance with basic needs.
- Senior citizens are welcome to call 508.821.1000 for guidance and assistance with any issue.
- Renters, Homeowners, and Landlords can call 2-1-1 for assistance.

"Although it has been a trying year, Thanksgiving reminds us of the things that matter most—family, friends, faith, community, and our ability to help others and make a positive difference," said O'Connell.